

# ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 19, 1956

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POWER FOR PEACE

U S NAVAL STATION, TONGUE POINT  
COLUMBIA RIVER GROUP, PACIFIC RESERVE FLEET  
ASSISTANT INDUSTRIAL MANAGER ASTORIA



THE WHITE HOUSE

ARMED FORCES DAY, 1956

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the armed forces of the United States have steadfastly served as champions of the security of our country; and

WHEREAS the members of the armed forces of the United States are now engaged in tasks which demonstrate to the world our free way of life, our desire to maintain peace with the rest of the world, and our aspiration to insure national security through better international understanding; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain an essential ready reserve of trained military personnel, the armed forces of the United States are placing added emphasis on a reserve-forces program; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the armed forces of this Nation dedicate a special day each year to the demonstration of their operations and capabilities; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the people of the United States and of the world be apprised of our unified program of Power for Peace; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the armed forces invite the public to visit on that day, so far as security requirements permit, posts, camps, stations, bases, vessels, armories, reserve centers, and other facilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 19, 1956, as Armed Forces Day; and I direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, as well as the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the Coast Guard, to mark that day with appropriate ceremonies, to arrange for demonstrations and displays at armed forces installations, to invite participation by representatives of all religious faiths in such ceremonies in order that the interdependence of our security and the deep and abiding religious faith of Americans may be recognized, and to work hand in hand with civil authorities in arranging other supporting activities.

I also invite the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States to provide for the observance of the day in such appropriate manner as will afford an opportunity for the people of the United States to become better acquainted with their armed forces.

And I call upon my fellow citizens not only to display the flag of the United States on Armed Forces Day, in manifestation of their recognition of the sacrifice and devotion to duty of the members of the armed forces, but also to avail themselves of the opportunity to further their knowledge of our defense posture and of the men and women who constitute our real national strength, by attending and participating in the local observances of the day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eightieth.

(SEAL)

By the President:

Herbert Hoover, Jr.  
Acting Secretary of State

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



## THE UNITED STATES NAVY and NATIONAL SECURITY

1. The United States depends on the Navy more today than ever before ---

The Free World is an oceanic confederation bound together by mutual security treaties. A Keystone of United States policy is collective security. The strength, unity and collective security of the Free World depend on the U. S. Navy's ability to control vital sea communications of the oceanic confederacy.

2. In global war, the oceans become a giant, interconnected battlefield surrounding all continents ---

As nuclear power, supersonic aircraft, and the most powerful weapons of the day are adapted to shipboard use, the readiness of the United States Navy to project its power against an enemy and to prevent enemies from projecting similar power against the United States becomes more important than ever. The U. S. Navy must remain supreme on the oceanic battlefield if the United States and the Free World are to survive and win a nuclear war.

3. The U. S. Navy is more important than ever ---

In Cold War -- it provides a quiet display of power in troubled waters, such as the Formosa Straits and the Eastern Mediterranean. Its on-the-spot readiness to strike immediately if necessary is a most effective deterrent to war --- big war, or little war.

In Limited War -- Naval forces can be assembled quickly in international waters near the scene of action and employed immediately in support of United States interests.

In All-Out War -- in a surprise nuclear attack, after initial blows have been exchanged, mobile forces dispersed at sea may be the only forces immediately available to strike back.

Thus with your United States Navy, you have

POWER FOR PEACE

ASTORIA AREA MILITARY COMMANDS

UNITED STATES NAVY

CAPT. J. J. CAREY, USN  
Commander  
Columbia River Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet

CAPT. T. W. DAVISON, USN  
Commanding Officer  
U. S. Naval Station, Tongue Point

CDR. H. M. GAY, USNR  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN  
Assistant Industrial Manager, USN, Astoria

LCDR. M. C. BIGBY, USNR  
Commanding Officer  
U. S. Naval Reserve Volunteer Composite Unit 13-9

LCDR. G. E. PHEBUS, USNR  
Commanding Officer  
Electronics Division 13-2  
U. S. Naval Reserve Electronics Facility

UNITED STATES ARMY

CAPT. L. V. SNYDER, USAR  
Commanding Officer  
Co. A, 804th Ordnance Battalion, 104th Infantry Division  
U. S. Army Reserve

M/SGT L. N. MANNING, USA  
U. S. ARMY Veterinary, Food Inspection Service

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LCDR. S. C. SCHMITZ, USCG  
Commanding Officer  
CGC Mallow

LT. M. S. HANSON Jr., USCG  
Coast Guard Port Security Unit  
Astoria, Oregon

LT. J. A. HADLEY, USCG  
Commanding Officer  
Coast Guard Base, Tongue Point



OREGON NATIONAL GUARD

CAPT J. L. HOPE  
Commanding Officer  
Co. L, 186th Infantry

1st LT. J. M. FLOYD  
Commanding Officer  
Co. C, 162nd Engineer Battalion

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CAPT. E. E. THORNE  
Fleet Superintendent  
Astoria Reserve Fleet

CIVIL DEFENSE

SHERIFF P. KEARNEY  
Director of Civil Defense  
Clatsop County

Mr. W. C. HOARE  
Director of Civil Defense  
City of Astoria

VISITORS REGULATIONS

U. S. NAVAL STATION, TONGUE POINT

Visitors are not allowed in areas marked "RESTRICTED" or marked  
"OUT OF BOUNDS".

Firearms and cameras are not permitted on the station.

Visitors are requested to park only in designated parking areas.

Guides and Sentries will be on duty throughout the Naval Station to  
answer questions and give assistance to all visitors.

## ARMED FORCES DAY EVENTS AT THE NAVAL STATION

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. - Open House at the Naval Station and the Coast Guard Base

(Continuous programs)

Movies in the Recreation Hall

Fire Engine rides from the Fire Station in Public Works Building

Ferry service from East End Mooring Basin to Coast Guard Base

Exhibits in Display Quonset Hut, Building 73

Open House on ARD-26 (Dry-dock), Pier 7, North Side

Open House at Wave Barracks by Main Gate

11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 Diving Demonstrations (shallow water, deep sea)  
adjacent to South Side, Pier 6

11:00, 1:00, 2:30 Fire Fighting Demonstrations adjacent to Chessman  
Field (South end of Station)

1:00 P.M. Softball Field  
Band concert by Astoria High Pep Band  
Demonstration by Coast Guard (beach apparatus drill)  
Oregon National Guard  
Civil Defense  
Softball Game - All-star players from Tongue Point  
League

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Guided tours of the Mess Hall in the Men's Barracks  
Building

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Transportation - Navy buses will tour the Station leaving the Main Gate every  
20 minutes

Ferry service from the East End Mooring Basin (foot of 36th St.)  
to the Coast Guard Base will be offered continuously from 10:00 A.M.  
until 2:30 P.M. and in return until 4:00 P.M.

Exhibits - Exhibits and displays concerning communications, training aids,  
religion, ordnance, medicine, civil defense, etc., will be open  
for public inspection in the display hut, Building 73, between  
Piers 5 and 6.

Refreshments - Cold plate lunches will be available for a nominal charge at the  
Navy Exchange Canteen located in the South End Basement of the  
Barracks Building.

Four mobile canteens will be located throughout the Naval Station  
offering light refreshments for your convenience.



ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 19, 1956

PARADE --- Downtown Astoria 9:30 A.M.

U. S. NAVAL STATION, TONGUE POINT

Open House for the public from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. See other schedule for greater detail.

U. S. COAST GUARD BASE, TONGUE POINT

Open House for the public from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. The Coast Guard Cutters MALLOW, IVY and WHITEBUSH will be open for public inspection. Various exhibits of interest will be on display throughout the day.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION BASE --- Astoria Reserve Fleet

The Maritime Administration Base, east of Tongue Point will be open to the public from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

OREGON NATIONAL GUARD

Open House for the public will be held in the Armory, 16th and Exchange Sts., from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Communications equipment will be on display.

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The U. S. NAVY will always employ new weapons, new techniques, and greater power to protect and defend the UNITED STATES on the sea, under the sea, and in the air.

Mobility, surprise, dispersal and offensive power are the keynotes of the new Navy. The roots of the Navy lie in a strong belief in the future, in dedication to tasks at hand, and in reflection on our heritage from the past.